

From Keble's Christian Year.

THE DISOBEDIENT PROPHET.

"It is the man of God, who was disobedient to the word of the Lord."—*First morning lesson, eighth Sunday after Trinity.*

Prophet of God, arise and take
With thee the words of wrath divine,
The scourge of Heaven, to shake
O'er yon apostate shrine.

Where angels down the lucid stair
Came hovering to our sainted sires,
Now, in the twilight, glare
The heathen's wizard fires.

Go, with thy voice the altar rend,
Scatter the ashes, be the arm,
That idols would befriend,
Shrunk at thy withering charm.

Then turn thee, for thy time is short,
But trace not o'er the former way,
Lest idol pleasures court
Thy heedless soul astray.

Thou knowest how hard to hurry by,
Where on the lonely woodland road
Beneath the moonlight sky
The festal warblings flow'd.

Where maidens to the Queen of Heaven
Wove the gay dance round oak or palm,
Or breath'd their vows at even
In hymns as soft as balm.

Or thee perchance and a darker spell
Enthralls: the smooth stones of the flood,
By mountain grot or fell,
Pollute with infant's blood;

The giant altar on the rock,
The cavern whence the timbrel's call
Affrights the wandering flock:—
Thou long'st to search them all.

Trust not the dangerous path again—
O forward step and lingering will!
O lov'd and warn'd in vain!
And wilt thou perish still.

Thy message given, thine home in sight,
To the forbidden feast return?
Yield to the false delight
Thy better soul could spurn?

Alas, my brother! round thy tomb
In sorrow kneeling, and in fear,
We read the Pastor's doom
Who speaks and will not hear.

The grey-hair'd saint may fail at last,
The surest guide a wanderer prove;
Death only binds us fast
To the bright shore of love.

MISCELLANEOUS.

THE LATE PRINCESS CHARLOTTE.

These all died in faith, not having received the promises but having seen them afar off, were persuaded of them and embraced them and confessed that they were pilgrims and strangers on the earth.—*Heb. xi. 13.*

A clergyman having occasion to wait on the late Princess Charlotte, was thus addressed by her,—"Sir, I understand you are a clergyman." "Yes, Madam." "Of the Church of England?" "Yes." "Permit me to ask your opinion, Sir what is it that makes a death-bed easy?" Mr. W— was startled at so serious a question from a young and blooming female of so high a rank, and modestly expressed his surprise that she should consult him, when she had access to many much more capable of answering the enquiry. She replied, that she had proposed it to many, and wished to collect various opinions on this important subject. Mr. W— then felt it his duty to be explicit, and affectionately recommended to her the study of the Scriptures, which, as he stated, uniformly represent faith in the Lord Jesus Christ as the only means to make a death-bed easy. "Ah!" said she, bursting into tears, "that is what my grandfather often told me; but then he used to add, that

besides reading the Bible, I must pray for the Holy Spirit to understand the meaning."

Charlotte was the daughter of George IV., and heiress to the throne of Great Britain and Ireland; was born in 1795, and died Nov. 6, 1817, age 22. She was married to Leopold, Prince of Saxe-Cobourg; and her untimely death, in connection with that of her infant child, clothed the nation in mourning, changed the succession of the throne, and drew forth, among other able funeral discourses, one by the Rev. Robert Hall, which is a master-piece of eloquence, probably never equalled on a similar occasion.

When informed of the death of her child a little before her own, she said, "I feel it as a mother naturally should,"—adding, "It is the will of God! praise to him in all things!" Mr. Hall mentions as traits of her character, "that she visited the abodes of the poor, and learned to weep with those who wept; that surrounded with the fascinations of pleasure, she was not inebriated by its charms; that she resisted the strongest temptations to pride, preserved her ears open to truth, was impatient of the voice of flattery; in a word, that she sought and cherished the inspirations of piety, and walked humbly with God. This is the fruit which survives when the flower withers—the only ornaments and treasures we can carry into eternity.

"Great God, thy sovereign grace impart
With cleansing, healing power;
This only can prepare the heart
For death's surprising hour."
Youth's Companion.

FOR PARENTS—ON CHASTISING CHILDREN.

Above twenty years ago, being in the habits of intimacy and connection in civil life with a respectable gentleman, he one day, in conversation on family affairs, related, with tears, a transaction between himself and one of his sons, a fine boy, about ten or eleven years of age. The son was by no means the lowest in the esteem of his father, but had a full share of his affection.

It happened one day that the boy told an untruth knowingly, which afterwards came to the knowledge of his father, who determined to chastise him severely for it. He took the boy and an instrument of correction into a chamber, and there reprimanded him, by setting forth the exceeding heinousness of the sin against God, and the danger thereby of his own soul. He then proceeded to the distressing work of correction. (I have no doubt that every stroke was as afflictive to the parent as to the child:) after which, on leaving the room, the father began to fear that he had exceeded due measure, (which I conceived was an excess of parental affection;) he made as though he was going down the stairs after shutting the door; but pausing a little, he returned softly to the door, where he waited sometime, hearing the sobbing and crying of the boy. After a while the father heard a movement and began to think of retreating, but after descending a step or two, he heard his son speak, on which he softly resumed his former station, and looking through the key hole of the door perceived his son on his knees acknowledging his guilt and shame before God, and praying for forgiveness; thanking God for favouring him with such a father as would not suffer sin upon him also praying for his brothers and family.

To parents it is unnecessary to dwell on the feelings of an affectionate father under such circumstances, the language of whom corresponds with that of his heavenly Father: "As many as I love I rebuke and chasten"—"Like as a father pitieth his children, so the Lord pitieth them that fear him."—*Psal. ciii. 13.*—*Eng. Melk Mag.*

Law.—Whoever goes to law, goes into a glass house, where he understands little or nothing of what he is doing; where he sees a small matter blown up into fifty times the size of its intrinsic contents, and through which, if he can perceive any other objects, he perceives them all discoloured and distorted; where every thing is too brittle to bear handling; where, as in an element of fire, he frets, fumes, and is drained at every pore; and where whatever he buys out of the fire, and pays for according to its fictitious bulk. It had perhaps been better for him to have been contented with an earthen vessel.—*Skellon.*

Novel Suit.—A suit of rather a novel character for this county was tried in the court of common pleas on Tuesday of this week. The plaintiff, a Mr. Young of Brecksville in this county, brought a suit against a school-teacher in that township for injury done to his children in not permitting them to read 'Volney's Ruins' as a reading-book in school. It appeared that the defendant used for that purpose the Testament and American Class Reader, but nothing would suit the plaintiff but that his children must read in; 'Volney's Ruins' and no other book. As for their reading in that volume called the 'Bible, that could not be allowed at any rate. The teacher put himself upon his reserved rights, and refused to have the book read in the school, which so incensed the father that he proceeded to the school-house, and in defiance of the injunctions of the teacher, ordered his children to commence reading forthwith from the 'Ruins,' and that too while another class was reading. The teacher, however, remained firm to his purpose, and the plaintiff failing in his object commenced suit against him for damages done his children by denying them the unspeakable privilege of reading 'Volney's Ruins' in school. We are much gratified to be able to state that the jury promptly returned a verdict for the defendant.—*Ohio City Argus.*

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